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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Jose L. FRANCESE et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3736
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Application No.: 09/977,401	)	Examiner: Max F. Hindenburg
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Filed: October 16, 2001	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 3026
For: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR MEDICAL INSTRUMENT	)	

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - TWO MONTHS

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of May 5, 2004. A Request for Reconsideration in response to that final Office Action was filed on July 6, 2004. Thus, under the provisions of M.P.E.P. 706.07(f), the response, after taking into account that July 5, 2004 was a Federal Holiday, was filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action. The reply period therefore expired on September 8, 2004, the mailing date of the Advisory Action. Accordingly, the extension of time necessary to file this response is calculated from September 8, 2004. The fee of $430.00 is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time, not otherwise provided for, that are required to enter this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 2, 2004

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